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- This handy guide will help you access the right health advice and treatment over the holiday period
- Included is some simple advice on what to do and where to go should you or a member of your family become ill and need medical help
- You can also look after yourself by stocking up on medicines and repeat prescriptions
- Pull this out and keep it in a safe place. This guide will make sure that you're ready and prepared for whatever Winter has in store for you

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# If you or your child becomes ill this Winter you can get help here...

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## GP and GP Out-of-hours

- Your GP is available from 8.00am to 6.30pm weekdays with same day appointments available if necessary
- Ear, nose, throat, chest infections and vomiting & diarrhoea are common over Winter. Your GP is there to help if these illnesses are persisting and you are getting concerned
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# 'SCAMMERS ARE LOW LIFE' WOMAN BRANDS FRAUDSTERS

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**A ST Helens woman has told of her shock after she was targeted by telephone fraudsters she branded "the lowest of the low".**

The woman told how she initially panicked after receiving a call from someone claiming to be a detective from Hamersmith CID - the same alias used by a conman who tricked two other pensioners out of part of their life-savings.

He told the victim to call

her bank and ask for the account to be put on hold but it is believed this was a ruse to allow the fraudsters to listen in to the conversation and obtain her account details.

She said: "He told me he had to keep the call very quick and asked if I had given permission for someone to use my debit card to spend £1,800 in an Apple store.

"I said 'definitely not'. He then told me to call the telephone number on the back of my debit card to put a stop on my account. My heart was racing.

"I don't know why, but I asked if he had a telephone

number that I could call him back on. He said 'no' and that he would call me back in 15 minutes. That made me smell a rat."

The victim, who is in her 60s and from Sutton, decided to use her mobile telephone to ring the bank instead of the landline on which she had received the call.

She said: "When I picked the landline phone up again there was a tone - but not a normal tone. I called the bank from my mobile and they told me it wasn't a legitimate call.

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The cast of Jack and the Beanstalk, outside St Helens Town Hall.

## Jack and the Beanstalk cast hit the streets

THEY'RE behind you!

Pantomime season is well and truly under way in St Helens, with the run of Jack

and the Beanstalk already started at the St Helens Theatre Royal.

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# Rescue alert after swans caught in line

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**Council wildlife rangers are urging anglers to ensure they take home discarded lines and hooks when fishing on local waters.**

They issued a strong warning after two swans became entangled requiring emergency treatment.

The two cygnets had to be rescued from Taylor Park lake after suffering injuries caused by fishing hooks and pike fishing trace wire.

One was taken to a St Helens based vet where it was treated before being released back onto the lake the following day.

The second had to be transferred to the RSPCA's Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre for surgery.

St Helens Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Neighbourhoods, Councillor Seve Gomez-Aspron,



Rangers are warning anglers to take home discarded tackle

said: "Most anglers take a responsible attitude, but there are a few who – through their own negligence – create real hazards for our local wildlife.

"Members of the public and our rangers have been very upset by these two incidents.

"The two resident adult swans at Taylor Park had their cygnets at the end of May – successfully raising five young, which is a fantastic achievement, so we're asking

everyone to help us look after them."

Naturalists confirm that fishing tackle related injuries are the biggest single cause of swan rescues, now running at more than 3,000 tackle related incidents a year.

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# Appeal to solve dad's death

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**A SON is appealing for help in solving the mystery surrounding his father's death from asbestos poisoning.**

John Poyser was struck down with terminal cancer caused by contact with the deadly material and died aged 80 of mesothelioma in October last year.

Now son David, 55, is asking for anyone who worked with his father at firms - including a now-defunct St Helens firm - identified as the most likely sites where he came into contact with the toxic fibres. He also fears some of his father's colleagues may also have been contaminated with the lethal substance.

David, a retired printer of Lows Street, Golborne, said: "It was heartbreaking to watch my dad go downhill towards the end. He was as fit as a fiddle and active, then this disease took hold. He went from a muscly lad to a skeleton in no time."

Suspicion has fallen on two companies - one in Wigan where Mr Poyser worked during the 1960s which is still running today but will no longer use asbestos, if it ever did - and

Community Industry Limited in St Helens, which employed the grandfather for nine years in the 1980s - as the most likely sites where he was contaminated.

Mr Poyser said: "My dad did lots of jobs throughout his working life but I do remember him talking about some terrible conditions at those two sites. He used to work for a company in Wigan in the 1960s. Part of his work involved cutting asbestos. He used to come back covered in dust."

David recalls his father demanding bosses at Community Industry - which had an office in St Helens - provide safety equipment to protect workers from the dirt and dust but ended up having to buy it himself.

"His last job before he retired was working for Community Industry Limited which helped underprivileged kids from borstal get work experience and try and get on the career ladder. They used to do anything - knocking down or renovating old buildings on dozens of sites around St Helens. It was really filthy work. I remember him coming home from work complaining that the bosses weren't providing them with masks and overalls. He ended up having to

buy breathing masks for him and the lads himself.

"He was aware that it was a dirty place but didn't realise that he could have been deadly. I know the floors were made of asbestos. He used to come home covered in dust. It was only when he worked there that he realised how bad it was at the Wigan firm. I can remember him saying that if he knew all this before, when he worked at that other firm, he'd have done something about it."

Mr Poyser hopes to take legal action against those responsible for exposing his father to asbestos. He added: "It is important that we do get answers about where my dad came into contact with asbestos. Not just for us but for the other people who worked with my dad."

"You know who I feel sorry for if this started in Community Industries: the kids who worked there. It's just appalling."

Mr Poyser's lawyer Bridget Collier, of Slater and Gordon, said: "Mr Poyser's life was cut short because of his contact with asbestos."

"We hope to hear from anyone who worked on those sites or with Mr Poyser so we can understand whether he would have come into con-



**MUCH LOVED** Above and below, asbestos victim John Poyser

tact with the asbestos."

Anyone with details can email Ms Collier at [bridget.collier@fentons.co.uk](mailto:bridget.collier@fentons.co.uk) or call 0844 854 3089.

The firm for which Mr Poyser worked in the '60s declined to comment and the Reporter has withheld its identity for legal reasons.

Community Industries Ltd no longer exists as a company.



ON THE WEB



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## Cash theft

■ A good Samaritan helped foil a thief who attempted to steal £20 from an elderly man.

■ The 69-year-old victim was withdrawing £20 from a cashpoint in Newton-le-Willows when a man approached him and told him he had dropped something from his pocket.

■ As the pensioner turned around to see what he had dropped, the crook snatched the cash which had been dispensed from the cashpoint at the Earle Street Tesco store and made off.

■ But he then dropped the cash when he was chased by a good Samaritan who had witnessed the theft.

■ The suspect was arrested a short time later on suspicion of theft and Lee Murray, 32, from Newton-le-Willows, has since been handed a suspended eight-week jail sentence.

■ He was also ordered to complete a drug rehabilitation order and pay £80 costs.

■ Insp Ian Shuttleworth, from the St Helens North neighbourhood policing team, said: "This type of crime that targets vulnerable members of our society is shameful and left this elderly gentleman very shaken."

■ "It's thanks to our good spirited citizen that the cash was returned."

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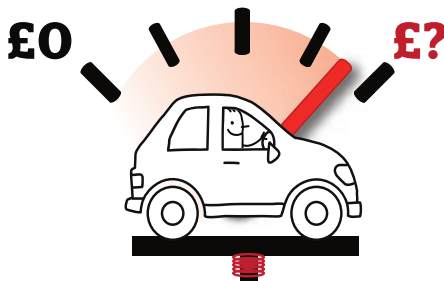
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# A fitting tribute to a community champ

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**A new bench has been unveiled in memory of late councillor Patricia Martinez Williams.**

St Helens MP, Dave Watts, joined family and friends of Patricia, in the unveiling of the seat in her honour in Victoria Park.

A plaque was inscribed with the words 'This bench is dedicated to the memory of Councillor Patricia Martinez Williams, a friend of Windle, who served her native ward with love and pride for 12 years.'

Patricia represented her home patch of Windle from 1995-2003, then Thatto Heath between 2007-2011, before returning to the Windle ward again from 2011.

She sadly passed away last year following a long illness at the age of 66, leaving her husband, Martyn and two chil-



MP Dave Watts with family and friends of Coun Martinez Williams

dren, Philip and Rebecca, but will always be remembered as the "community champion" due to her dedicated commitment to serving her community with love and pride.

St Helens Council leader, Barrie Grunewald, said: "Patricia was such a remarkable person with a burning desire to do the very best for the people that she represented."

"This bench is a fitting reminder of her character. It is in a beautiful part of Victoria

Park, which reflects her character perfectly as a beautiful and caring person."

Leading tributes last year at the time of her death last March, then council leader Marie Rimmer said: "Pat was a very dedicated and caring councillor who had a very strong sense of justice and served her community tirelessly and to the very best of her ability."

"St Helens has lost a true champion."

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# Miracle cat survivor to scoop top award

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**A St Helens pet owner has new hope after her miracle cat made the finals of competition to find the nation's most remarkable survivor.**

Little Dusty lost more than one of her nine lives after she was run over by a car, which left her with a shattered jaw, lost teeth and a damaged face.

Owner Lesley May of Newbold was told the 12-year-old feline wouldn't survive. But almost a month later, and after numerous operations, Dusty is making a full recovery.

And vet charity PDSA runs the annual Pet Survivor competition has now put her forward for the annual Pet Survivor competition.

Lesley, 65, said: "I'm so proud of everything she has overcome, she's a little fighter."

"And she certainly wouldn't have been here without the PDSA. She's such



Lesley May and Dusty the cat

a beautiful cat, I was worried sick when it happened - I barely slept."

Dusty had hidden under Lesley's daughter Lisa's car after being chased by a dog. Unknowing, Lisa drove off only for Dusty to fall out of the car almost four miles away.

It was here she was involved in the accident. Two passers by found Dusty and contacted Lesley before the feline was rushed to the vet. Dusty was admitted to PDSA

in Huyton, Liverpool, for intensive treatment. Now Lesley is urging pet owners to check under their car before driving.

She added: "I also want to urge dog owners not to let them off the lead in the dark nights. And I would also like to thank everybody who helped, found and looked after Dusty. She wouldn't be here without them."

To vote text 'Dusty' to 70099. Each text received will donate £2 to PDSA.

## PICTURE THIS



Children at Billinge St Aidan's CE Primary meet Santa

## Santa's brand new wheels

Children at Billinge St Aidan's CE Primary School were delighted when they met Father Christmas in his grotto... with a twist. Instead of the usual school hall visit, St Aidan's took it to a whole new level for their Christmas Fayre by using a vintage bus that was kindly loaned by North West Museum of Road Transport in St Helens, that was the talk of the school playground.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Driver hurt in linkway crash

A man was hospitalised after a car crashed into an electrical sign on the St Helens Linkway. Emergency crews were called to the Linkway at about 2pm last Friday (December 12) after a car crashed into an electrical price board. The driver - a 24-year-old man - was assessed at the scene by paramedics. A passenger - a 38-year-old man - was taken to Whiston Hoaspi-tal for further treatment for his injuries.

### Saints & Greavie for the chamber

Football legend Jimmy Greaves is set to be the guest of honour at St Helens Chamber's annual black tie dinner dance next month. The 74-year-old is set to talk about his life during the event at Langtree Park on January 16. The evening will host a charity auction in aid of The Steve Prescott Foundation and Willowbrook Hospice. For more information or to book your place call 742120.

## Recycling and Waste Christmas & New Year Collection Arrangements 2014/15

Please refer to your collection calendar for dates personalised to your property.

### Recycling and brown bin collection changes

**Monday 22nd December will be Saturday 20th December\***

**Tuesday 23rd December will be Monday 22nd December\***

**Wednesday 24th December will be Tuesday 23rd December\***

**Thursday 25th December will be Wednesday 24th December\***

Friday 26th December will be Saturday 27th December

Monday 29th to Wednesday 31st December - NORMAL SERVICE

Thursday 1st January will be Friday 2nd January

Friday 2nd January will be Saturday 3rd January

Green bin collections are suspended over the Christmas and New Year period and will start again on Monday 12th January.

**\*Please note these collections have been brought forward.**

It is important that you use all the services during these weeks to avoid a build up of recycling and waste and to allow for a smooth collection the following week.

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# Hospital apology over tragic error

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**A top doctor at Whiston Hospital issued an unreserved apology to the family of a St Helens grandmother at an inquest yesterday.**

Dr Julia Hendry admitted that Nora Peters, 74, who was erroneously administered an oxygen-driven nebuliser in the days before she died, had been given "sub-optimal care".

The inquest heard that the nebuliser should instead have been connected to a cylinder containing medical air.

Dr Hendry said: "I would like to apologise to Mrs Peters' family on behalf of the trust. The care offered to Mrs Peters fell far short of the care our trust would normally offer to patients."

An inquest at St Helens Town Hall heard how Mrs Pe-

ters, of Randon Grove, had been admitted to Whiston on May 15, 2013, suffering from breathlessness.

A long-time chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) sufferer, she had been an increasingly regular visitor to the hospital in the previous 12 months.

But doctors were working towards discharging her back home on May 20 when tragedy struck.

Staff nurse Tracy Stocks told how she noticed that the cylinder connected to Mrs Peters' nebuliser was empty and how a healthcare assistant had then changed it on the evening of May 19.

But the wrong cylinder – one containing high-flow oxygen – was then used for "several minutes".

The in-house Medical Emergency Team (MET) were then called to the ward shortly after 10pm and MET nurse

Sarah Cordon noticed that the wrong cylinder had been used by staff.

Mrs Peters sadly passed away shortly before 10am on May 22.

An independent review conducted by Liverpool-based expert Dr Walshaw found that Mrs Peters died of "acute respiratory failure due to high-flow oxygen therapy due to end-stage COPD".

A hospital spokeswoman said: "The trust offers its sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs Peters, and has unreservedly apologised for the shortfalls in her care.

"An immediate and thorough investigation was carried out and staff have worked openly with the Coroner.

"The trust has introduced a number of additional measures to improve the quality of care including clearer labelling of gas cylinders and increased education of staff."



Staff and pupils at Queens Park Primary

## Making pupils safe and seen

Kind-hearted pupils at Queens Park primary school in St Helens are now sporting new hi-viz jackets after a big thank you from St Helens Rotary Club.

They provided matched funding for the jackets for the children to use when go-

ing on school trips to help ensure their safety. The school and St Helens Rotary have built up a very positive working relationship.

Recently pupils raised funds to help purchase a Shelter Box which was sent to the Philippines by the Ro-

tary Club to provide shelter and warmth for those affected after the recent disaster.

Head teacher David Thorpe said: "The children and families at Queen's Park are always on the lookout of ways of helping those less fortunate or in need."

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# Town has some of country's worst performing schools

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**St Helens has some of the worst-performing secondary schools in the country, the Ofsted chief inspector's annual report shows.**

Just 35 per cent of the town's high school pupils learn in an institution which is good or outstanding, placing St Helens joint 148th in the ranking of England's local authorities.

The poor performance, down 12 percentage points on the 2013 figures, is in stark contrast to the impressive performances in the area's primary school classrooms, with 89 per cent of St Helens' primary school pupils attending good or outstanding schools.

Sir Michael Wilshaw's strongly-worded report to Parliament says despite signs

of improvement in Knowsley educational standards across the North West remains "a postcode lottery" for many children and young people.

Andy Dempsey, director of children and young people's services at St Helens Council, said: "We are aware of the low proportion of our secondary schools currently judged to be good or outstanding by Ofsted and are working intensively with schools to improve this."

"Against a backdrop of considerable change through qualification and curriculum reform St Helens secondary schools have maintained their performance and are currently above national averages for five GCSEs at A\* to C including English and maths.

"We expect this position to improve further over the coming years and that the judgements of the regulator will improve accordingly."

St Helens Council has al-



**Strong criticism Ofsted chief inspector Sir Michael Wilshaw**

ready acted by appointing Phil Fitzpatrick as a local schools commissioner with the role of chairing the town's school improvement board to increase accountability.

St Helens also has a gap of 28.4 per cent in GCSE achievement between pupils who qualify for free school meals and those who do not, compared to the England-wide average of

26.7 per cent. A total of 31.5 per cent of St Helens' pupil qualify for free meals at school.

The report also expressed particular concern about the low levels of pupils in Knowsley who perform well at primary school and then go on to excel at GCSE too.

Only 28 per cent of pupils who got a level five or better in their Key Stage Two assessments in mathematics went on to gain the A or A\* grade in the subject at GCSE, and the percentage for English is even lower at 18 per cent. In St Helens the achievement rates are 40 per cent and 38 per cent respectively.

Sir Michael also addressed the issue of low-level disruption in his report, saying Knowsley haqs just over double the national level of fixed-term exclusions from secondary school.

In addition, Knowsley was criticised for having "particu-

larly weak" performances at key stage four level for young people aged 15 and 16 and for poor levels of success by disadvantaged pupils.

The report said the underlying message from the region's schools was that primary providers are continuing to improve and reach high standards but the quality of provision at secondary level was stalling.

In his opening summary, Sir Michael wrote: "Educational outcomes for children and learners are improving but there is considerable variation within the region and across the sectors. In particular, there are too many secondary schools that simply are not good enough."

"Effective system leadership across all sectors is needed to break this cycle of educational failure; however, too often this is absent or uncoordinated."

## Hunt for cash in transit robbers

Police are hunting two men who attempted a cash in transit robbery in St Helens.

Patrols were called to the Co-op Late Shop, Parr Stocks Road, at about 4.25pm last Wednesday (December 10) after two men approached the store while security guards were filling up a cash machine inside the shop.

One of the offenders gestured at the guards as if he was holding a firearm, although it's not believed that either offender was in possession of any sort of weapon.

The offender demanded cash but, following a brief struggle with one of the guards, both of them ran off empty-handed. They were last seen heading towards Evelyn Avenue where they are believed to have got into a vehicle, possibly a white Ford Transit Van.

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# Council hit litter louts in the pocket with fines

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A trio of St Helens litter louts have been hit with a fine as part of a local authority crackdown on environmental offences.

And council bosses are hoping the prosecutions will serve as a deterrent and vowed to continue their hardline policy.

Fines of £75 plus £195 and

a victim surcharge of £20 were handed to Carl Pierse of Catherine Way, Alan Appleton of Cherry Tree Drive and Stephen Downing of Chatterise Court as a result of non-payment of fixed penalty notices (FPN).

The cases were all proved in their absence at St Helens Magistrates Court as none of three attended their hearings.

Coun Seve Gomez-Aspron, cabinet member for environment and neighbourhoods,

said: "Prosecution is used as a last resort and in the vast majority of cases littering offences are dealt with by way FPN.

"However, if a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid on time, or a person is abusive or provides false or misleading information to officers then it is our policy to prosecute those individuals.

"The council is determined to tackle those persons responsible and these first prosecutions should provide

a clear indication to those who doubt the council's resolve. The simplest way is not to litter."

Since the council's Environmental Warden Team was set up in August, 600 FPNs have been issued.

Bosses have said disgraceful louts had been costing the cash-strapped authority £1.7m.

To report litter droppers visit [www.sthelens.gov.uk/litter](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/litter) or call 01744 676789.



Coun Gomez-Aspron (second left) with council environment officers

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# Council's drop in parking revenue

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**St Helens Council raked in a profit of almost £25,000 from parking charges this year.**

According to research by the RAC Foundation, the authority raised £24,000 in 2013/14, a record surplus from its on and off-street parking activities.

But this is nearly a £100,000 decrease from the year before from fines, permits and tickets. And it's more than halved in the last four years from 2010/11.

A council spokesman said: "St Helens remains one of the cheapest towns in the North West in which to park.

"The council has deliberately kept prices down as part of our campaign to attract more shoppers into the town centre.

"As well as free parking on Saturdays we also operate a 'free after 3pm' scheme during the week. As a result we've seen increased footfall among retailers and at local visitor attractions."

The figures are a lot lower than compared to other neighbouring authorities in the amount they profited from



Parking charges raised £24,000 for St Helens Council

charges, including Wigan Council who raised £1,078,000 this year.

Councils as a whole in England made a combined "profit" of £667m from their on and off-street parking operations. The previous year they made £594m.

RAC Foundation director Prof Stephen Glaister added: "Parking profits seem to be a one-way street for councils, having risen annually for the

last five years. Yet over the same period spending on local roads has fallen about a fifth in real terms. We understand the pressures councils are under with their overall income still falling and the level of services they have to provide in such areas as social care rising rapidly.

"The bottom line is that parking policy and charges must be about managing traffic not raising revenue."

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## Woman hits out at fraudsters

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Earlier this month two elderly women were tricked into handing over significant portions of their life-savings by conmen also posing as police officers.

The two victims were swindled out of almost £12,500 after falling victim to be an elaborate scam.

In both incidents vulnerable victims were warned that someone had tried to access their accounts and told to withdraw thousands of pounds before a courier turned up on their doorsteps to take the cash away.

The victim added: "These people are the lowest of the low. The man who called sounded genuine and another person could easily have been duped."

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## Teen gang hit dad with sticks

**A St Helens man was attacked by a gang of teenagers while walking home with his son.**

Police say a father and son - aged 56 and 28 - were near the corner of Westfield Street and Kirkland Street, near the Asda petrol station, when they were attacked by a gang of six youths.

The gang, all aged between 13 and 16 years old, were armed with wooden sticks - possibly tree branches.

The father was struck in the face and left nursing a broken nose and other facial injuries.

Following the attack, which took place at about 10.15pm on Sunday, November 30, the youths made off towards Prescott Road.

The father was treated for his injuries by paramedics at the scene. Nobody else was injured.

Anyone who was in the area and saw anything or knows anything can call St Helens CID on 0151 777 6816 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555 111.

PICTURE THIS



Lisa Harrington, Simon Antrobus, chief executive and Brian Marsh OBE

## A prestigious honour

■ A St Helens woman has been honoured at the House of Lords.

■ Lisa Harrington, a key figure at the Addaction Centre of Excellence, in St Helens, has been given the Marsh Volunteer Award for her exceptional work in supporting people with drug and alcohol issues.

■ She has worked with Addaction for over two years, and was one of the first Recovery Champions, helping to ensure that people can benefit from medical support but the experience of people who

have been there and overcome their problems. She has also helped clients gain NVQs in various subjects.

■ Director of Public Health at St Helens Council, Liz Gaulton said: "I am delighted that Lisa has won this award. Not only because it recognizes the valuable work that she has done but because it sends a clear message to the community that our centre, in Corporation Street, is about hope and people working together to solve very human problems and achieve their potential."

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St Helens mayor Geoff Pearl with local traders

## Shoppers back small business Saturday

Traders in St Helens were given a timely boost as shoppers supported Small Business Saturday. St Helens Council and St Helens Chamber joined forces to support

the national campaign which aimed to boost shopping in local town centres. Last year on Small Business Saturday people spent a staggering £460m in the UK.

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## DELVING INTO THE ARCHIVES...

# Anglers blitz town and baby boom beer?

Here's what was hitting the headlines in the St Helens Reporter 40 years ago this week.

Thousands of Christmas shoppers were asked to "sign on" in a blitz by anglers on St Helens town centre.

The fisherman were in revolt at plans to build a casino, theatre club and hotel at Carr Mill Dam and decided to back plans for a full-scale protest at an emergency meeting.

They saw the proposed development as a threat to the survival of the St Helens Angling Association and hoped to get 20,000 signatures on their petition.

In other news, vandalism forced St Helens Council to close the ladies loos at the central library.

The ground floor public toilets had been on the receiving end from graffiti writers and thieves.

Walls and paintwork had been daubed with graffiti and loo paper holders and

light bulbs stolen.

Elsewhere, a St Helens man decided to take matters into his own hands when his car failed to start.

But Harold Hussey was spotted under another motorist's car bonnet trying to steal a car battery by three policemen cruising down Lowe Street.

Hussey admitted stealing the battery and assaulting two of the officers and was fined £35.

He said: "I can't remember what happened. I'd been drinking and don't usually behave like this."

And finally, members of the ladies section at St Helens RU Club couldn't make up their minds about their bumper birth-in.

Eight of them gave birth to baby boys during 1974.

Favourite among the theories for the baby boom was that a change of beer in the clubhouse was somehow responsible!

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# Stirring up festive memories

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**This fantastic old photo is sure to stir a few festive memories.**

Taken in the mid 1960s, this was Sheil's Fish Merchants - which used to be a fixture next door to the Burchall's pie shop on Westfield Street.

Eric Sheil, pictured, would order in turkeys at this time of year and invite customers to pick their own before preparing and dressing the bird for them there and then.

Eric ran the shop, which rented its premises from Burchalls, alongside his brothers Roland and Lloyd.

His son Stuart also worked there.



This terrific old photo was kindly submitted by Eric Sheil's daughter, Gloria Rigby, of Dentons Green.

## HMS PINAFORE



Reporter reader John Barker kindly submitted this old photograph.

## Frank Carlton in title role

- This terrific old photo was taken during the Parr Central School production of HMS Pinafore back in 1949.
- The part of Captain Corcoran was played by the late Frank Carlton.

## 1923 CHAMPIONS



Another gem from the scrapbook of retired rugby writer Denis Whittle.

## Recs win cup for first time

- St Helens Recs won the Lancashire Cup for the first time by beating Swinton 17-0 in 1923. Pictured: Smith, Mulvanney, Fildes, Silcock, Leyland, Grundy, McComas, Pyke, Greenall (c), Norman Pilkington, Owen, Halton, Greenall, Dingsdale.

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# Family pet cat is shot with air rifle

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**A 12-year-old girl was shocked to discover that her family's pet cat had been shot twice in the head with an air rifle.**

Police say two-year-old cat Rosie (pictured) was let out from her Whiston home as usual on the morning of Wednesday, December 3.

But when she arrived back that afternoon her owner's 12-year-old daughter found that she was bleeding and had a number of injuries to her head.

A vet confirmed that the cat had suffered injuries consistent with being shot twice in the head.

Her breathing was restored and she is now recovering from her injuries but, unfortunately, she has lost



one of her eyes.

Officers believe Rosie may have been shot while in Stadt Moers Park and inquiries into the incident are now being carried out.

Neighbourhood sergeant

Paul Carroll said: "It's hard to believe that anyone could be so callous as to shoot a cat in the head with an air rifle.

"I would appeal to anyone who has seen anything suspicious in the park recently,



including any people using air weapons, to get in touch with us.

"I would also urge anyone who may have heard people talking about this incident, or thinks they know who

those responsible are, to contact us as soon as possible."

Anyone with details can call Prescott police station on 0151 777 6318 or via the non-emergency 101 telephone number.

## Gas main fire arson attack

A gas main supply fire which sparked an emergency evacuation is believed to have been an arson attack.

Firefighters were called to Dudley Place, Fingerpost, shortly before 6.15pm last Thursday (December 11).

Six properties had to be evacuated after a gas main supply and porch was set alight.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but early indications suggest it was started deliberately.

Station manager Ged Sheridan said: "Firefighters controlled the fire to stop it spreading and requested a gas engineer to attend to isolate the gas supply to help extinguish the fire.

"The gas engineers had to dig to stop the gas supply feeding the flames and firefighters then extinguished the fire."

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# Man indecently exposed himself

Police are hunting a man who indecently exposed himself to a teenager on a bus.

Officers were called after a man boarded the 10A service on Bridge Street at about 10am on September 8 and in-

decently exposed himself to a 19-year-old woman.

DC Victoria Grant, of St Helens CID, said: "The woman was clearly very distressed by what was happening on the bus and has reported the

incident to us.

"As part of our ongoing inquiries, I would appeal to the man to get in touch with us as soon as possible."

Witnesses can call detectives on 0151 777 6811.

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## DECISIONS FROM ST HELENS MAGISTRATES COURT

**Thomas Higgins, (31), Juddfield Street, St Helens:** criminal damage to the caged area of a police vehicle belonging to Merseyside Police - £80 compensation, £120 costs.

**Robert Bingham, (45), Cragg Grove, St Helens:** assault by beating - 12 months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**James Carrigan, (59), Lowe Street, St Helens:** drunk and disorderly - 12 months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Gary Hughes, (48), Norman Salisbury Court, St Helens:** drink driving - £110 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £85 costs, banned from driving for 40 months.

**Anthony Ratcliffe, (35), Prescott Road, St Helens:** stole a beard trimmer worth £10 from Wilkinsons - 12 months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Ryan Witter, (20), Prescott Road, St Helens:** criminal damage to a mobile phone, assault by beating - 12 weeks jail.

**Shelley Coolican, (40), Clarkes Crescent, Eccleston:** drink driving - 12 months community order, £60 victim surcharge, £85 costs, banned from driving for two years.

**Peter Middlehurst, (51), Oakley Avenue, Billinge - drink driving:** £650 fine, £65 victim surcharge, £85 costs, banned from driving for 16 months.

**Ross O'Mara, (35), Islands Brow, St Helens - drunk and disorderly:** £75 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £40 costs.

**Paul Tuffy, (33), Winter Grove, St Helens - drunk and disorderly:** £100 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Stephen Bennett, (41), Cedar Grove, Haydock - drunk and disorderly:** £75 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £40 costs.

**Ryan Norton, (18), The Avenue, Eccleston - possession of a quantity of cannabis:** nine months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge.

**Gary Halliwell, (44), Cherry Tree Drive, St Helens:** assault by beating - six months restraining order, £265 fine, £27 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Adrian Jezierski, (36), Derby Row, Newton:** failed to provide a breath specimen when suspected of a driving offence, driving while unfit through drugs - six months curfew order, £60 costs, banned from driving for two years.

**Leslie Bowers, (35), Phoenix Brow, St Helens:** stole a coat worth £99 from Marks and Spencer - 22 weeks jail, £80 victim surcharge.

**Nicola Eden, (34), North Road, St Helens:** stole items of clothing worth £293 from Marks and Spencer - 12 months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**James Corbett, (36), Knowles House Avenue, Gillars Green:** stole aftershave worth £19.99 from Boots - £50 fine, £20 victim surcharge.

**Julie Partington, (56), Brynn Street, St Helens:** failed to clear up dog mess - £100 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £973.49.

**Robert Dyer, (49), Mardale Avenue, St Helens:** possession of a quantity of cannabis - six months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £90 costs.

**Paul McQuiggan, (51), Morgan Street, St Helens:** stole four selection boxes worth £12 from Asda - two years conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Callum Webb, (27), Owen Street, St Helens:** possession of a quantity of cannabis - £70 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Sarah Carleton, (27), Cherry Tree Drive, St Helens:** stole washing up products worth £35.04 from the Post Office - 35 days imprisonment suspended for 12 months, £35.04 compensation, £80 victim surcharge.

**Darren Duffy, (40), Newton**

**Road, St Helens:** possession of a quantity of cannabis - 12 months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Liam Morris, (20), Kelbrook Close, St Helens:** failed to comply with the requirements of a community order - order extended by 250 hours, £55 costs.

**Debbie Makin, (33), Bronte Street, St Helens:** failed to ensure a child under the age of 16 attended school - 12 months parenting order, £26 victim surcharge, £80 costs.

**Christopher Eden, (25), Alford Avenue, St Helens:** possession of a quantity of cannabis: £50 fine, £20 victim surcharge, six months conditional discharge.

**Rebecca Saunders, (33), Carnegie Crescent, St Helens:** used threatening abusive or insulting words or behaviour - one week jail.

**Beverley Brough, (47), North Road, St Helens:** stole 12 packs of chocolate worth £8.91 from 99p Store - seven weeks.

**Alan Case, (47), Heron Grove, Rainford:** breach of a non-molestation order - 18 months conditional discharge, £15 victim surcharge, £85 costs.

**Peter Ratcliffe, (19), Union Street, St Helens:** possession of an offensive weapon - 12 months community order, £100 fine, £60 victim surcharge.

**Alan Appleton, (52), Cherry Tree Drive, St Helens:** dropped litter in Ormskirk Street - £75 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £195 costs.

**Stephen Downing, (44), Chatteris Court, Thatto Heath:** dropped litter in Church Street - £75 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £195 costs.

**Carl Pierce, (43), Catherine Way, Newton-le-Willows:** dropped litter in Ormskirk Street - £75 fine, £20 victim surcharge, £195 costs.

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Further details on participating routes are available at [www.sthelens.gov.uk/saturdaybus](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/saturdaybus). Other public transport information can be found using the route planner located at [www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk) or by calling 0151 236 7676. Please note: The voucher has to be completed fully in order to be valid.

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The St Helens Citizens Advice Bureau will be closed for five days over the Christmas and New Year period.

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The CAB will, however, be open for a drop-in service from 10am-2pm on Monday, December 29, Tuesday, December 30, and Friday, January 2.

Normal service is set to resume from Monday, January 5.

# Paramedics treat driver who crashed into fence

A car crashed into a fence in the early hours of last Wednesday morning (December 10).

Emergency crews were called to Hall Wood Avenue in Haydock shortly before 5am.

The driver, a 43-year-old man, was treated at the scene

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# ARE YOU FULLY PREPARED FOR WINTER?



**Now the days are getting shorter and Christmas is just around the corner, patients in St Helens are being asked if they have taken enough precautions to ensure they are fully prepared for the colder months.**

Did you know that it is usual for adults to have two to four colds a year while children are likely to have three to eight as their immune system is more susceptible to viral infections? That's why, during winter, when seasonal illnesses are more frequent, it is important to take extra measures to stay well.

NHS St Helens CCG has launched its annual Examine your Options campaign, which provides practical advice and support about how to choose the right NHS service at the

right time as well as helping patients understand how to reduce the risk of falling ill in the first place.

Dr Stephen Cox, Clinical Accountable Officer said: "There is a direct link between cold weather and heart and respiratory problems, serious illness, discomfort and depression, so it's really important for everyone to look after themselves and others as the temperatures begin to fall.

"There is always extra pressure on A&E services throughout winter but there are measures you can

undertake to reduce the risk of falling ill in the first place. There are also a number of minor illnesses and ailments that can be self-treated with the support of your local pharmacist."

There are 1.5 million people in the North West with a long term health condition so it's important they avoid running out of their medication or becoming seriously ill over Christmas and New Year, by ordering their prescriptions in plenty of time and getting advice from their pharmacist about how to deal with winter bugs.



## Top tips for reducing the risk of falling ill:

1. If you are eligible, get a flu jab
2. Wash your hands regularly to avoid infections like norovirus
3. Get your boiler, cooker and heating serviced and speak to your landlord about ways you can improve the energy efficiency of your home
4. If you are older you could be entitled to help with energy bills
5. Wearing layers, blankets and consuming hot meals and drinks throughout the day can help you to stay warm and well
6. If you have a long-term condition, which requires medication, make sure you order your Christmas prescription in plenty of time
7. Eating sensibly, stop smoking, drinking in moderation and taking regular exercise can reduce the risk of falling ill
8. Hats, gloves and coats are all essential to keeping you warm; avoid keeping things in your coat pocket which could have an impact if you fall and wearing sensible shoes with a good grip will reduce the risk of falling over on snow or ice
9. Make sure someone knows if you are feeling unwell and look out for vulnerable neighbours and family members
10. Most cold and flu symptoms, and other minor illnesses like coughs, sprains, stomach upsets and earache can be treated safely at home without the need for a GP, and please remember that antibiotics are ineffective at treating these viral conditions. But if you want advice a pharmacist can help or access information from a reputable source such as NHS Choices

The St Helens Cold Weather Advice Line has been set up to assist people through the winter months and is available up to the end of March 2015. If you need any information or advice keeping warm and healthy this winter - call the freephone number: 08000 355 878

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### Self Care

- Stock up on medicines for coughs and colds at home to see you through the winter months
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## New transport links provide property boost

Oxford and Scottish Borders set to reap benefits from infrastructure improvements

**N**ew transport links in Oxford, Shrewsbury and the Scottish Borders open up new locations for homebuyers.

There is nothing like an improvement in public transport to boost property prices, and 2015 will see some prime opportunities to benefit.

According to one recent study by Nationwide, Londoners will pay a 10.5 per cent price premium to live within 500 metres of a station, while Glaswegians will pay 6 per cent extra. Buyers in Manchester are willing to spend an extra 4.6 per cent to live a short walk from their nearest station.

All of which is great news for those keen to buy in Oxford because next year Chiltern Railways launches a 58-minute service from

Water Eaton, just north of the city.

Guy Shaw, of estate agents John D Wood is confident that the new service will provide a fillip to prices in north Oxford, Summertown, Wolvercote and Kidlington. The knock on effects may be felt further afield too, in Marston and Headington. "Houses north of the ring road have traditionally been lower priced as more are affected by road noise and traffic," he explained. "They are also seen to be just beyond the prime area but the new station will now change this."

The area north of Oxford's ring road is also benefitting, said Shaw, from a ripple effect of buyers priced out of its expensive central-northern area. "I would definitely be looking at property in this corner of Oxford and we have



already seen investors buying flats here," he said.

Buyers who want to benefit from the new station should budget around £295,000 for a two-bedroom ex-local authority flat right up to £2m for a five-bedroom house.

Up in the Scottish Borders locals are looking forward to the launch, next September, of the Borders Railway, which will give towns like Melrose a boost as a commuter option.

The historic border town sits by the River Tweed and

is overlooked by the Eildon Hills. Jamie Macpherson, owner of Macpherson Property, believes that the benefits will be a slow burn in the borders.

At present buyers could pick up a two-bedroom flat for around £150,000 and a detached four-bedroom Victorian house for £450,000 to £500,000. He believes that once the new service starts demand across the Borders will pick up, after a slow 2014 but there will not be a sudden boom as there is, currently, plenty of stock on the market. "It will drive prices the right way, but not overnight," he said.

Another area seeing transport improvements is Shrewsbury in Shropshire, with the first direct train service to London launching on December 14. The journey will take more than 2.5

hours, making it a stretch for commuters, but those working in Birmingham can get to the office in under an hour.

Shrewsbury is a beautiful medieval market town with some gorgeous timber-framed buildings and plenty of jobs in the tourism industry. The prime place to buy is in the area known as the "river loop" – a meander of the River Severn within which lies the city centre and its shops, bars and cafes. A three to four-bedroom townhouse in this area, which is also close to the station would cost around £350,000.

"We expect a growth in the number of buyers who will be able to commute from the town to work, taking great advantage of cheaper house prices here as well as excellent schools," said Kevin Boulton, of estate agents Strutt & Parker.

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# Spotlight on detached homes

### Howards Lane, Eccleston

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place to start the day, with the conservatory a lovely place to finish the day. The gardens make for an attractive and functional space, with the property having potential for growth (subject to planning) With 1,500 sq ft of space just imagine the family get-togethers.



### Southworth Road, Newton-le-Willows

£295,000

For sale with ...

**ASHTONS**  
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**W**ith beautiful views to both front and rear this well designed detached home occupies a magnificent plot with spacious accommodation and a very convenient location. The property offers generous proportions living space briefly comprising: entrance porch, attractive inner hall with WC, bay fronted dining room, a 23ft living

room with double doors into a conservatory, modern kitchen with breakfast area, morning room/study, large utility room with doors out onto the garden. Three beautiful double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a family bathroom with jacuzzi bath. Outside, the rear is currently part decked with a patio area, large detached garage. The front is gravelled and off-road parking is available via a secure gated driveway.



### Tudor Close, Rainford

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modation with a very large fitted kitchen, large utility room, cloaks, conservatory and large double garage. The property occupies a large plot with vast frontage setting it well back from the road and overlooking a paddock. Situated in the catchment area of Rainford's well regarded schools.



### Devonshire Road, Dentons Green

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spacious family sized accommodation and briefly comprises: open porch way leading to the reception hall-way with cloaks WC, lounge, morning room and fitted kitchen. Four well proportioned bedrooms together with a family bathroom with four piece suite. The property also boasts gas fired central heating, PVCu double glazing, a detached brick garage and garden areas to front, side and rear with a patio area.







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<p><b>Hoveton Gdns, Lea Green £258,000</b></p>  <p>This example of a modern five bedroom detached house is certainly far above standard. There are three bathrooms to go with the number of bedrooms. And for "top of the pops" there is a built in sound system integrated into the building. Externally the property has an enclosed rear garden and a double garage with remote control doors. C74</p>	<p><b>Marylebone Ave, Lea Green £149,950</b></p>  <p>This three bedroom semi detached house has far more than its fair share of land. The rear garden could be ideally suited to a summer house, it could just be left as a play area. Add to this the modern fixtures and fittings found inside the property and you have something well worth viewing. E46</p>	<p><b>Chester Ln, Sutton £129,995</b></p>  <p>The rear of this spacious three bedroom mid terrace property has been pushed out to create a spacious kitchen and leave some really useful living accommodation. The front has been surfaced to create plenty of off road parking and the rear has a very pleasant garden. D68</p>	<p><b>Irwin Rd, Sutton £124,995</b></p>  <p>As semi-detached houses go this example has so many nice touches. In addition to the three bedrooms there is a really nice bathroom on the first floor, the living rooms have been tastefully decorated and presented, the grounds are well presented, the garage will make a brilliant workshop!</p>	<p><b>Taunton Ave, Sutton Leach £124,950</b></p>  <p>Set in a popular part of Sutton Leach this three bedroom semi detached house has loads of potential for a growing family. With a fitted kitchen including some appliances this is a ready to go home. With added extras such as the garage and a downstairs toilet this is sure to be a hit. D62</p>
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<p><b>Legh Rd, Haydock £119,995</b></p>  <p>This semi detached house has been extended to the side and provides four bedrooms to the first floor. On the ground floor the property has a decent amount of living accommodation and gives the potential to provide a great family home. EPC E45</p>	<p><b>Grantham Cres, Islands Brow £119,950</b></p>  <p>With two bedrooms and an good size plot this semi detached house is the ideal starter home, the interior is functional and modern. With the property being set back that bit extra from the road you have plenty of parking, to the rear is a great enclosed garden. C69</p>	<p><b>Crocus Gdns, New Bold £119,950</b></p>  <p>A two bedroom end of mews in a good position. To the front you will find yourself tucked away in a nice cul-de-sac and to the rear is a wooded area. The property itself is modern in both its appearance and its internal presentation. As an added bonus is an all-important downstairs toilet! D67</p>	<p><b>Cowley Court, Cowley Hill £115,000</b></p>  <p>Set within this grand old building is a two bedroom apartment set over two floors and accessed from the first floor. Within the apartment is a rear lounge which accesses the balcony which in turn has some great views. The main bedroom is spacious and well equipped. NO CHAIN C75</p>	<p><b>Chandlers Way, Sutton Manor £109,500</b></p>  <p>A lovely example of a three bedroom mid terrace mews home is just the job for someone looking to get on the property ladder. Being in this location means an easy drive to get onto the motorway network. As you would expect the interior is both modern and functional. B84</p>
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<p><b>Grosvenor Rd, Taylor Pk £84,995</b></p>  <p>This one bedroom apartment is situated within a large detached property which in itself is a stones throw from Taylor Park. There is a modern kitchen which has been stylishly designed. Add to all of this a reasonably priced management fee. D67</p>	<p><b>Kiln Lane, Eccleston £84,950</b></p>  <p>This second floor one bedroom apartment is such a lovely place to retire to. With the apartment itself being modern and fitted out with a nice kitchen. Then the complex itself has great gardens, a really social group of neighbours and its all secure. Suitable for the over 55's. C82</p>	<p><b>Francis St, Sutton £79,950</b></p>  <p>A little bit different! This two bedroom mid terraced house has a central open staircase making for a very different layout to the lounge and dining room. E53</p>	<p><b>Portico Court, Eccleston Park £79,000</b></p>  <p>A top floor two bedroom apartment which enjoys private grounds and secure entry. The apartment itself has a modern kitchen and bathroom. With the added extra of a garage this is a great buy! NO CHAIN EPC E41</p>	<p><b>Drake St, Newtown £78,950</b></p>  <p>Walking up the road from this two bedroom mid terrace house takes you to the Cambridge Road shops and down the road takes you to the Park. The property benefits from a modern interior and has two reception rooms. To the rear is a pleasant area for glass or two of an evening, so plenty all round! D67</p>	<p><b>Crowther St, West Park £74,995</b></p>  <p>Situated at the end of a traditional row of terraced this example is very nicely presented and boasts both two bedrooms and two reception rooms. The location is, of course, handy for many features in the surrounding area from shopping to onward travel. E52</p>	<p><b>Windle Hall Dr, Windlehurst £65,000</b></p>  <p>The property shows would love a property like this, ready and waiting for all of those budding interior designers who want to place their own style on a property. With two bedrooms this semi-detached property has loads of scope. The gardens are a very respectable size. C71</p>
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<p><b>Morrissey Cl, Eccleston £59,950</b></p>  <p>Sold As Seen. This is a great place to start, with one bedroom and modern accommodation this property is situated in a popular part of Eccleston. There is off street parking. Both the kitchen and bathroom as of a standard you would expect. Start your viewing adventure now! D68</p>	<p><b>Malvern Rd, Parr £55,000</b></p>  <p>This property is a two bedroom garden fronted terrace house. Internally the property is ready to go condition. No chain involved. Viewing recommended. EPC D63</p>	<p><b>Eliza St, Sutton £54,950</b></p>  <p>Yielding a Great Yield! This is a mid terrace house with two bedrooms and is situated in a popular area for landlords. Of course the Sutton Junction mainline station around the corner helps with the appeal. It has to be said that the price also helps!</p>	<p><b>Breccia Gdns, Parr £50,000</b></p>  <p>Ready to go! This two bedroom top floor apartment is a perfect first time buyer property/investment, modern throughout and quietly located on the top floor. This property is sure to attract a fair bit of interest so don't miss out. C70</p>
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**Sorrell Way, Clock Face**  
3 Bed Semi, New Build, Driveway  
**£650 pcm**

**Doulton St, West Park**  
3 Bed Semi, Large Garden, Driveway  
**£530 pcm**

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## SALES - LETTINGS - SURVEYS - MORTGAGES

### Hall Street St Helens



**REDUCED PRICE**

Located close to the town centre together with ease of access for local public transport this generous sized mid terraced property is ideally suited for the FTB/investor and has been very well maintained throughout by the current owner. The well proportioned accommodation is laid out as follows:- entrance vestibule, hallway, dining room, lounge and kitchen leading to newly fitted good size bathroom suite. The first floor offers 3 double bedrooms. The property also boasts GCH, PVCu DG and outside there is an elevated lawn area & paved walkways. EPC Rating: D

Offers around £80,000

### Startham Avenue Billinge



**NEW**

JB&B Leach are pleased to offer for sale this modern 3 bedroom semi-detached house situated on the ever popular 'Mucklow' development convenient for all local amenities. The property is offered with vacant possession and provides well appointed accommodation which must be viewed to be appreciated and briefly comprises: entrance porchway, lounge & fitted dining kitchen. On the first floor there are 3 bedrooms together with a 3 piece family bathroom suite. The property also boasts GCH, PVCu DG, a side car port, detached brick garage & garden area to front and rear.

Offers around £135,000

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#### Crank Road, St Helens

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- Set in Mature Grounds
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Twin Double Garages
- Panoramic Views all round
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £499,950



#### Dartmouth Drive, St Helens

- 5 Bed Detached
- Modern Circa 2002
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Double Garage, Parking
- Generous Mature Gardens
- EPC Rating: C

Offers around £495,000



#### Long Meadow, St Helens

- Extended Detached
- Modern 4 Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage, Parking & Gardens
- Sought After Area
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £279,950



#### Millbrook Lane, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Vacant Possession
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Rear Conservatory
- Gardens, Parking, Garage
- EPC Rating: E

Offers around £174,950

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#### Oak Tree Road, St Helens

- 2 Bed Semi Bungalow
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Rear Conservatory
- 3 Piece Bathroom Suite
- Parking, Gardens, GCH
- EPC Rating: E

Offers around £159,950



#### Freckleton Road, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Rear Conservatory
- Mature Gardens, Car Port
- GCH, Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £156,950



#### Finch Close, St Helens

- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Vacant Possession
- Lounge, Dining Room
- GCH, Double Glazing
- Garage, Parking, Gardens
- EPC Rating: C

Offers around £155,000



#### Clover Hey, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Extended to Rear
- Lounge, Dining Area
- Off Road Parking to Side
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £139,950

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**EPC's**



#### Orkney Close, St Helens

- 3 Bed Bungalow
- Extended, No Onward Chain
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Off Road Parking, Garage
- Garden to Front & Rear
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £125,000



#### Catterall Avenue, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Close to Local Amenities
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Allocated Parking Spaces
- GCH, PVCu DG
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £124,000



#### Birch Avenue, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Vacant Possession
- 2 Reception Rooms
- G/F Wet Room
- Good Size Gardens
- EPC Rating: C

Offers around £116,950



#### Lingholme Road, St Helens

- 3 Bed Mid Terraced
- Overlooking Views of Park
- Ideal for FTB/No Chain
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: E

Offers around £110,000

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#### Boundary Road, St Helens

- 3 Bed Town House
- Fully Modernised Throughout
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- GCH, PVCu DG
- EPC Rating: E

Offers around £109,950



#### Shropshire Gardens, St Helens

- 2 Bed Town House
- Ideal for First Time Buyer
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Allocated Parking Spaces
- GCH, PVCu DG
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £99,950



#### Rivington Street, St Helens

- 2 Bed Terraced
- Ideal for FTB/No Chain
- Lounge, Dining Area
- Kitchen, G/F Bathroom
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £85,000



#### Wray Avenue, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- No Chain, Ideal for FTB
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Garage, Gardens, GCH
- Shared Driveway
- EPC Rating: D

Offers around £84,950



#### Ullswater Avenue, St Helens

- 3 Bed Detached
- Unfurnished
- Bond & Ref Required
- No Smokers or DSS Allowed
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- EPC Rating: C

£595 pcm



#### Hardshaw Street, St Helens

- 3 Bed Mid Terraced
- Close to Local Amenities
- Unfurnished
- Bond & Ref Required
- No DSS Accepted
- EPC Rating: D

£495 pcm



#### Hall Street, St Helens

- 3 Bed Mid Terraced
- Close to Town Centre
- Unfurnished
- Bond & Ref Required
- No Pets or Smokers
- EPC Rating: D

£495 pcm



#### Darwin Grove, St Helens

- 2 Bed Town House
- Close to Local Amenities
- Unfurnished
- No Smokers or DSS
- Bond & Ref Required
- EPC Rating: D

£475 pcm



#### Berrys Lane, St Helens

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Bond & Ref Required
- No Pets, DSS or Smokers
- EPC Rating: D

£425 pcm



#### Chamberlain Street, St Helens

- 2 Bed Terraced
- Bond & Ref Required
- No Pets, DSS or Smokers
- Unfurnished
- Enclosed Rear Yard
- EPC Rating: E

£425 pcm



#### St Paul Street, St Helens

- 2 Bed End Terraced
- Close to Local Amenities
- Lounge, Dining Area
- Bond & Ref Required
- No Pets, Smokers or DSS
- EPC Rating: D

£400 pcm



#### Common Street, St Helens

- 1 Bed Semi Detached
- Close to Local Amenities
- Unfurnished
- Bond & Ref Required
- GCH, Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating: D

£395 pcm



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**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
**Coalville Avenue, St Helens £119,950**

A beautiful semi detached home in a desirable area. Briefly comprises: Entrance porch, living room, dining room and beautiful kitchen. Three bedrooms and bathroom to first floor, front & rear gardens with extensive driveway parking leading to garage. Well presented!



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
**Laffak Road, St Helens £109,950**

Lovely semi detached with no chain! Briefly comprises: Entrance hall with stair access, living room, kitchen open to dining room, and a kitchen. To the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom. Driveway parking leading to garage, with front & rear gardens. No chain!



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
**Belvedere Avenue, St Helens £99,950**

A very well presented semi detached in a desirable location. Briefly comprises: Entrance, living room, kitchen, dining room and a bathroom. To the first floor are three spacious bedrooms, en suite to master. Large garden to rear, with driveway to front. No chain!!



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
**Seddon Street, St Helens £70,000**

Beautiful end terraced homewith parking to the side. Briefly comprises: Entrance, lounge, kitchen, ante space and a family bathroom. There are two bedrooms to the first floor both of a good size, and a garden to front along with rear yard. Must view!



**The Griffin Hotel, N Le W £895,000**

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Large Function Rooms  
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**St James Mount, Rainhill £575,000**

Stunning Detached House  
Prestigious Location  
Four Spacious Bedrooms



**Breydon Gdns, St Helens £280,000**

Beautiful Detached Home  
Four Spacious Bedrooms  
Highly Desirable Location



**Reginald Rd, St Helens £260,000**

Large Detached Home  
Three Spacious Bedrooms  
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**Harworth Rd, St Helens £259,995**

Modern Detached Home  
Four Bedrooms, En Suite  
Garage & Driveway



**Moxon Street, St Helens £229,950**

New Detached Bungalow  
Two Double Bedrooms  
Stunning Throughout



**Covington Gdns, St Helens £219,995**

Four Bedroom Detached  
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Two En Suites, Spacious!



**Blundell Road, Whiston £189,950**

Beautiful Semi Detached  
Three Bedrooms  
Garage & Driveway



**Mallard Gdns, St Helens £179,950**

Beautiful Detached Home  
Three Bedrooms  
Quiet Cul De Sac



**Knowsley Rd, St Helens £175,000**

Extended Semi Detached  
Three Spacious Bedrooms  
Large Conservatory



**Rollsby Gdns, St Helens £175,000**

Modern Mid Townhouse  
Three Bedrooms, En Suite  
Garage & Driveway



**Freckleton Rd, St Helens £165,000**

Four Bedroom Semi  
Three Reception Rooms  
Two Bathrooms



**Hillbrae Ave, St Helens £163,000**

Three Bedroom Semi  
Beautiful Gardens  
Large Conservatory To Rear



**Foxfield Rd, St Helens £155,000**

Three Storey Townhouse  
3 beds, En Suite  
Beautifully Presented



**Bishop Road, St Helens £155,000**

Semi Detached House  
Three Bedrooms  
Large Rear Garden



**Oxford Street, St Helens £155,000**

Character Terrace  
Three / Four Bedrooms  
Stunning Modern Kitchen



**Green Leach Ave, H'finch £154,950**

Semi Detached House  
Cul De Sac Location  
Three Spacious Bedrooms



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
**Windle St, St Helens Offers over £150,000**

Character End Terrace  
Four Bedrooms  
Very Spacious Property!



**Lorton Ave, St Helens £147,500**

Extended Semi Detached  
Beautifully Presented  
Three Bedrooms



**NEW INSTRUCTION**  
**Ilfracombe Rd, St Helens £145,950**

Extended Semi Detached  
Four Bedrooms, En Suite  
Large Corner Plot



**Mitchell Rd, St Helens £145,950**

Extended Semi Detached  
Beautifully Presented  
Three Bedrooms



**Rivington Rd, St Helens £139,950**

Three Bedroom Semi  
Garage & Drive  
Conservatory



**Vista Road, Newton £124,950**

End Mews House  
Large Plot, Three Beds  
Beautifully Presented!



**Norley Drive, St Helens £120,000**

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**Alfred Street, St Helens**  
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Three Bedrooms  
Conservatory



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Two Bedrooms  
No Onward Chain!



**Grafton St, St Helens**  
**£82,000**

Modernised Terrace  
Two Spacious Bedrooms  
Lounge & Dining Room



**Honister Ave, St Helens**  
**Fixed price £80,000**

Three Bedroom Semi  
Large Corner Plot  
Driveway Parking



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**Offers over £80,000**

Beautiful Mid Terrace  
Two Bedrooms  
Spacious Kitchen Diner



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Very Well Presented  
No Onward Chain



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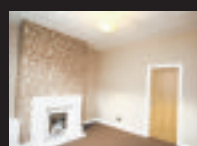
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- Excellent Condition EPC - E

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- Garage & Driveway
- Fully Fitted Kitchen EPC - C

**£625 pcm****Morello Close, St Helens**

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- Good Size Bedrooms - Neutral Decor
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**£380 pcm****Woodville Street, St Helens Town Centre**

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- Excellent Condition
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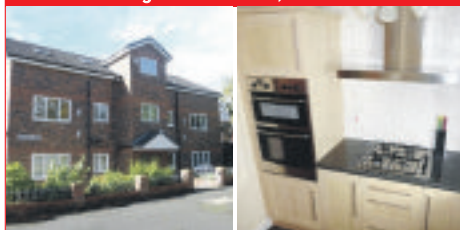


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Council leader

Barrie  
GrunewaldSchools are  
improving

Last week's Ofsted annual report didn't make pleasant reading. St Helens was one of the areas singled out for the comparatively low proportion of children who could expect to attend 'good' or 'outstanding' secondary schools.

But while we are aware that improvements need to be made, the figures don't tell the whole story.

The Ofsted findings are based on inspections that happened some time ago - and things are improving.

Against a backdrop of considerable qualification and curriculum reform our secondary schools are currently above national averages for pupils gaining five GCSEs A\*-C including English and maths. The national figure is 52.6 per cent of pupils - but we are at 54.6 per cent.

We expect this position to improve further over the coming months, particularly with the arrival of our new Local Schools Commissioner Phil Fitzpatrick.

We're one of the first authorities in the country to create such a role - showing that we mean business when it comes to helping our young people to fulfil their potential.

It's good to see all the work that's now going into looking after our service personal and veterans.

There's lots of help available, but for many of our servicemen and women it hasn't been easy trying to find it. In St Helens though, all that's set to change.

An information evening at the recently-opened Cen-

turion Centre in North Road gave representatives from 12 armed forces organisations the chance to meet officials from health, housing and work-related services as well as partner organisations.

Against an ever changing background - and with more and more services available locally - the session aimed to increase communication and partnership working between local armed forces organisations and local services.

It's the first of many sessions taking place and the start of ongoing work among the various armed forces organisations and local support services - and this communication will be maintained as we develop a cohesive approach that addresses the needs of servicemen, service-women and veterans.

Our new litter wardens are already making an impact.

Three people were fined at St Helens Magistrates Court after the wardens spotted them dropping rubbish. Fines of £75, £195 costs and a victim surcharge of £20 were handed out to each defendant.

The prosecutions were a last resort - as the vast majority of cases involving littering offences are dealt with by a fixed penalty notice. However, if it's not paid on time, or a person is abusive or provides false or misleading information to officers, then it's our policy to prosecute those individuals. Since the litter wardens began their work in August, they've served over 600 fixed penalty notices - which incur a £75 charge or £50 if paid within 10 days.

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# Pupils sing out at festive concert

**By CHRIS AMERY**  
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**Primary school pupils across St Helens were in fine voice at the annual Christmas Carol concert at a packed Parish Church.**

The service, which was part of the 'Live at the Hall' event, was part of St Helens Council's spectacular Christmas events programme.

It involved children from schools across the borough, performing an array of traditional carols in front of family and friends, as well as the Mayor of St Helens, Coun Geoff Pearl.

Schools that performed were St Ann's, Sutton Oak, Eaves, Merton Bank, St Peter's, Parish, Thatto Heath, Rivington, Bleak Hill, Wargrave, Broad Oak, Carr Mill, Holy Cross, Garswood, St Bartholomew's, Birchley St Mary's, Blackbrook St Mary's,



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ley Street and St. Mary's car parks is free after three. And don't forget the free Council town centre car parking available every Saturday.



## Eyes down for donation to children in hospital



Mecca Bingo's gift to the Children's wards at Whiston Hospital

Children being cared for at Whiston Hospital this Christmas will be treated to a few extra presents from Santa thanks to the generous community spirit of people in St Helens.

Customers of Mecca Bingo, St Helens have shown extreme generosity donating cash and toys for those children needing hospital care over the festive period.

Staff at Mecca Bingo held a collection over three nights, with bingo players donating all their loose change and raising over £485 to purchase toys, gift vouchers and selection boxes for the children.

Claire Hewitt, Team Leader at Mecca Bingo, who visited the children's wards this week to deliver

the gifts said: "All of the customers and staff at Mecca Bingo were enormously generous donating money for the children and we are so pleased that we could help buy presents to brighten up their Christmas."

Janet Bentham, Matron, Children and Young People's wards said: "I would like to thank Mecca Bingo and their customers for their overwhelming support. They have really helped bring a smile to the faces of children needing our care this Christmas."

"On behalf of the children, their families and everyone at the Trust, I would like to wish all those who donated a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year."



Thatto Heath Ward councillors, local school children and Father Christmas light up Christmas for Thatto Heath

## Windle and Thatto Heath bring Christmas spirit

Crowds gathered at Dentons Green to celebrate the big Christmas lights switch-on for Windle.

The event also featured performances from Cowley Senior Choir as well as Rivington Primary School.

Queens Park Primary School treated residents to an array of Christmas Carols, whilst the Valley Brass Band were in fine tune to really raise the temperature, as Lauren Crosby, who has respite care at Abbeyford Residential Short Breaks Service, hit the red button to officially declare the start of the festive period for Windle.



Elsewhere, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing, Planning & Community Safety, Coun Richard McCauley, joined locals on Thatto Heath Road to begin the fes-

tive countdown for the borough of Thatto Heath.

Thatto Heath Primary School children were in fine voice as they sang Christmas Carols.

## Reindeer visit Church Square



Santa Claus came to town last weekend, complete with real reindeer. Children could step on board Santa's sleigh and share their Christmas wishes with Old Saint Nick at the reindeer pen in Church Square.

The Christmas events programme continues on Saturday 20 December when SHINE will be hosting 'The Real Meaning of Christmas' event, which features a great festive family day of free music, arts and crafts and entertainment outside and inside St Helens Parish Church.

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# Prog rock at Citadel

## Night of psychedelia to celebrate cult albums

### MUSIC SCENE

By **ANDREW NOWELL**  
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**R**ock fans can take a trip back through time and space to revisit some of the classic sounds of 1970s progressive music. The Psychedelic Warlords, led by Hawkwind bassist Alan Davey, will visit The Citadel

for a show celebrating the legendary space-rockers' 1974 albums Captain Lockheed and the Starfighters and Hall of the Mountain Grill. Both the albums will be performed in full, giving fans another chance to hear classic songs such as The Widowmaker, Ejection and You'd Better Believe It. The line-up will see Davey joined by vocalist and saxophonist Craig High, drummer Billy Fleming, guitarist Simon Wilkins and Zoie on synths and FX, with VJ Flickering



St Helens band Ghenghis Grimes

Light providing the mind-expanding visual projections. The Warlords will be supported by St Helens based Ghenghis Grimes, who have been performing a unique brand of rocking grooves on guitars, drums, samplers and synthesisers for around two decades.

The Psychedelic Warlords and Ghenghis Grimes will play at The Citadel on Saturday December 20 from 7.30pm. Tickets are £11 in advance, to be booked by ringing 01744 735436, or £13 on the door. For more information visit [www.citadel.org.uk](http://www.citadel.org.uk)

## WHAT'S ON

### Diary of upcoming local events

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

St Helens Theatre Royal's pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk runs throughout the Christmas period. More details from the box office on 01744 756000.

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 18

The next meeting of the local branch of the Locomotive Club of Great Britain will be held at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the Pied Bull Hotel, High Street, Newton-le-Willows when John Cashen will present a programme of photographs and commentary from his journeys around Scotland on the 1960s. The meeting is open to all and admission is free (but a small donation towards costs are welcome).

The council's ranger service invites you to an evening of Christmas carols. Get into the festive spirit by singing or by simply listening to an array of Christmas carols, which will be accompanied by the Valley Youth Band. The service takes place at Mesnes Park, Newton-le-Willows, from 7pm. There will also be light refreshments available after the service.

The Cowley Singers present an evening of Christmas music at St Helens Town Hall. They are joined by Valley Brass Band and guest soprano Debbie Speight. Also taking part in this special festive event are the bands of St. Cuthbert's High and Lyme Community Primary School as well as vocal contributions from the Parish CE Primary School choir. Tickets from the Citadel



The cast of Jack and the Beanstalk

box office on 01744 735436.

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

The Houghton Weavers, one of folk music's most popular bands, perform at the Theatre Royal. Tickets from the box office on 01744 756000.

Send your events to What's On, St Helens Reporter, Bank House, Cloughton Street, St Helens, WA10 1RL before noon on Friday or email [andy.moffatt@lep.co.uk](mailto:andy.moffatt@lep.co.uk)

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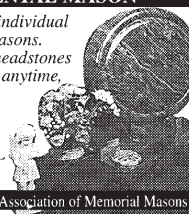
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## DEATHS

### BROADBENT

Freda Rose, aged 96, died peacefully on 9 December 2014. Freda leaves behind loving daughters Susan and Jean, son in law Geoff, grandchildren Stewart, Jenny and Chris, great grandchildren Ryan, Ciaran, Nathan, Olivia and Amelia. Freda will be sadly missed by all her friends and family. Funeral service to take place at Rainford Parish Church at 1:30pm on Friday 19 December 2014 followed by cremation at St. Helen's Crematorium at 2:30pm. All enquiries to Gornalls, 10 Cross Pit Lane, Rainford, Tel. 01744 886544

**CAVANAGH**  
Suddenly on 7th December, William Ronan Cavanagh, aged 81 years, of Sutton Leach. Beloved husband of Rita, loving dad of Lynne & Philip and sadly missed by all his family and friends. Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Anne & Blessed Dominic R/C Church, Sutton on Tuesday 16th December, followed by interment in St. Helens Cemetery. Family flowers only were requested, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. All enquiries: F. Dooley & Son, Funeral Directors 249 City Road, St. Helens. Tel: 01744 23339 Nutgrove Lodge, Nutgrove Road, St. Helens. Tel. 01744 811811 www.frankdooley.co.uk

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### DUFFY

Sadly on 11th December, 2014 in Broad Oak Manor Care Home, Winifred late of Mather Avenue, aged 88 years, beloved wife of the late Gerald. Winifred was very much loved and will be deeply missed by all her close family and friends. A funeral service will be held in St Vincent's RC Church at 12:00 on Tuesday 23rd December, 2014 followed by cremation in St Helens. Family flowers only by request and donations for Willowbrook Hospice if so desired care of Winifred's family. For any enquiries regarding this service please contact F W Marsh Family Funeral Services, 100 Parr Stocks Road, St Helens, WA9 1NZ Tel: 01744 27928 www.fwmarsh.net



### AMANDA RHIANNON JANE GILBERT

Passed away on 8th December 2014 aged 33 years. We can't put into words the hole that Amanda will leave in all our hearts and lives, she will be missed by friends and family far and wide. The family would like to thank everyone who has sent messages of condolence, and if you knew Amanda we would like to invite you to join us at her service. Service to take place at St Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd December 2014 at 2:00pm. All enquiries to the Co-operative Funeralcare, 3-5 Eccleston Street, St Helens. WA10 2PF. Tel: 01744 236675.

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### GILLINEY Thomas Alfred (Tommy)

Sadly passed away on 9th December 2014 in Whiston Hospital, aged 89. A beloved Dad to Alf, Keith and Sandra, Father in Law to Steve and Sheila. Loving Partner to Vera and much loved Grandad and Great Grandad. Tommy's Funeral Service will be held on Monday 22nd December at 1:30pm at St. Helens Crematorium. By request family flowers only. Donations if desired to Merseyside Asbestos Victims Support Group and may be sent or passed to JS Hedges Private Funeral Directors, 8 Harris Street, St. Helens WA10 2NW

### HILL

Suddenly on 10th December, 2014 in Whiston Hospital, Allan aged 67 years, beloved husband of Ann, devoted dad of Tracy and Steven, dearly loved father in law of Mike and Karen, much loved grandad of Alice, Katie and Chloe. Allan was very much loved and will be deeply missed by all his close family and friends. A funeral service will take place on this day Wednesday 17th December, 2014 in St Helens Crematorium at 3:30pm. Family flowers only by request and donations for Heroes or The British Legion if so desired care of Allan's family. For any enquiries regarding this service please contact F W Marsh Family Funeral Services, 100 Parr Stocks Road, St Helens, WA9 1NZ Tel: 01744 27928 www.fwmarsh.net

### HUGHES

Evelyn of Rainford, passed away peacefully at Whiston Hospital after a short illness on the 9th December 2014, aged 98 years. A loving wife to the late John and dear mum to John, Grattan (deceased), Edna and Lynn. Also grandmother to Damien, Elizabeth and Andrew. A Requiem Mass will be held at Corpus Christi RC Church, Rainford on Monday 22nd December at 1:30pm followed by committal in St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Willowbrook Hospice c/o the funeral directors. For all enquiries contact F W Marsh Family Funeral Directors, 177 Ormskirk Road, Rainford. Tel: 01744 882645. www.fwmarsh.net.

### JOULE

#### George

Suddenly but peacefully on 14th December at Whiston Hospital.

#### George

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### MEREDITH

#### Edith

Peacefully on 11th December at John Joseph Powell Nursing Home, Prescot.

#### Edie

aged 99 years.

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Edie will be greatly missed by her close friend Joanne.

Edie's Horse Drawn Funeral Service and Committal will take place on January 2nd at St Helens Crematorium Chapel at 11:30am

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### MURPHY - Jay

Sadly passed away on December 11, 2014 at Whiston Hospital. Much loved husband to Jenny, loving father to Ben and Ellie, much loved son of June and Leo, dearest brother to Kev and Chris and partners Susan and Denise. Will be sadly missed. Funeral at St James, Haydock at 11:30am Friday December 19, interment at St Marks Churchyard, Haydock.

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### ROBY

Peacefully at Whiston Hospital on 12th December.

#### Hilda

aged 75 years of Sutton, St Helens. Devoted mum of Lesley, loving sister of Rachel, mother in law of Stephen, dearly loved grandma of Ethan.

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### SWIFT

Harry. Sadly in Whiston Hospital 13th December 2014, Harry aged 76 years. Beloved Husband of Joan, loving Dad to Karen, Paul, Angela & Gillian. Harry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. A funeral service will be held at St. Helens Crematorium on 30th December 2014 at 11:00am. Family flowers only by request, donations if desired to Willowbrook Hospice. For all enquiries contact F.W. Marsh Private Funeral Services, 100 Parr Stocks Road, St. Helens. Tel: 01744 27928. www.fwmarsh.net.

### JACKSON (Margaret)

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### PICKERING

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### WILDMAN (Bob)

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandad, 21st December, 1989.

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From loving wife Pat, daughter Debra and grandchildren Megan and Kieran. God bless.

### WILDMAN (Bob)

A much loved dad and grandad who died on December 21, 1989.

Twenty Five years ago you passed away, but in our hearts you will always stay. A smiling face, a heart of gold, the dearest dad the world could hold.

From loving daughter Susan and son-in-law Steven.

### WILSON

May (nee Hoddgson / Bell) Peacefully at home, with her loving family around her, on the 9th December 2014, aged 82 years. A much loved mum, nan, great nan, great great nan, a loving aunty and sadly missed by all her relatives, friends and neighbours. A funeral service and committal was held at St. Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 16th December. May's family would like to take this opportunity to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, support, sympathy cards and donations all gratefully received. Special thanks to the Kershaw Care Centre, especially Joanne, to Ranleigh Grange and to all the carers from Unite all who supported and cared for May over the last few years. Thanks to all the medical staff who looked after May. Thanks also to Rev. Ken Friar for his kind ministrations and to all at J.S. Hedges for their help, kindness and support at this sad time. All enquiries to J.S. Hedges. Tel: 01744 22100

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### WILKES

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#### MEMORIES

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## DUFFY

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## LALLY - James (Jim)

The family of the late Jim would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and all the care and support they have shown Jim. Special thanks to Canon Tom Neylon for a lovely service, to all who attended the funeral and to Frank Dooley and Son Funeral Service for their care and compassion. Jim and Winnie are now together again.

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## John Barnes

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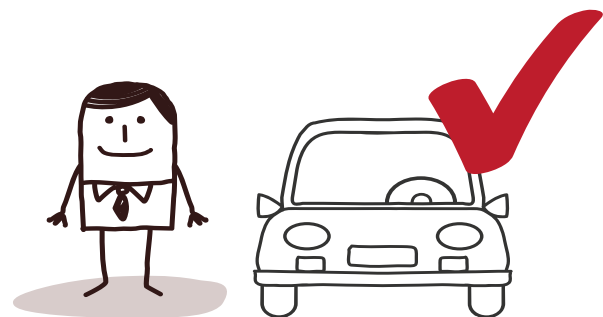
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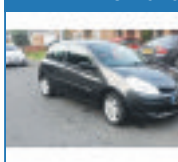


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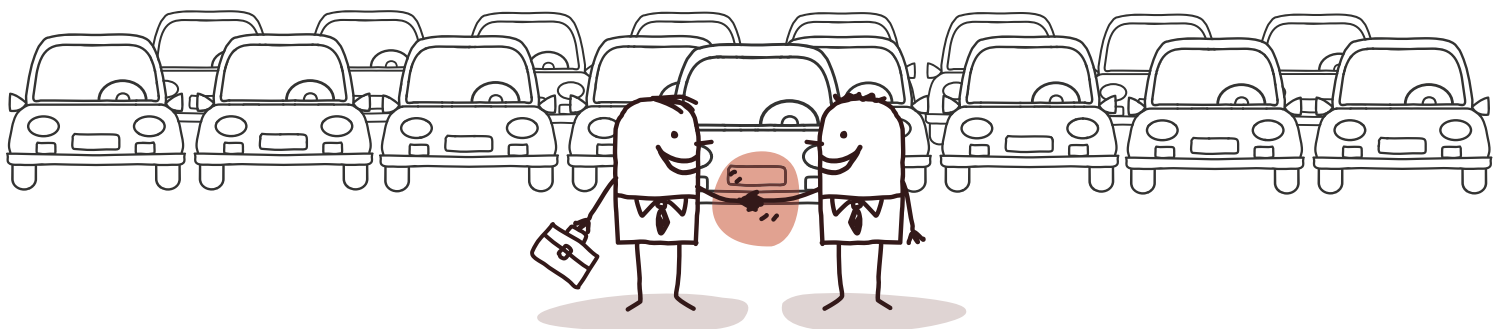
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### TALKING SPORT

With JOHN YATES

# Spell on catwalk leaves Jordan and Mark as nervous as kittens

**J**ORDAN Turner and Mark Flanagan consider themselves model professionals on the paddock - now they know what it's like to act as model professionals on the catwalk!

The Saints' stars and fellow RL players Richie Myler (Warrington Wolves) and Ashley Gibson (Castleford Tigers) all appeared live in the Clothes Show at the NEC Birmingham as part of the spectacular ALCATEL ONE-TOUCH Fashion Theatre performance.

The boys rubbed shoulders with celebrities from TV and fashion but whether it is a stepping stone to a future modelling career only they know.

At the same time I'm told they were as nervous as kittens at the prospect of stepping into a different kind of



Jordan Turner celebrates after Saints' Grand Final win over Wigan

limelight than they had been accustomed - no doubt preferring to take centre stage at Wembley or Old Trafford than a Midlands catwalk. For the uninitiated like me,

The Clothes Show Live is a consume exhibition brand held annually in December at the NEC. The event showcases latest fashion, beauty and music

trends on large and often interactive features and stands. The show is considered the premier fashion event in the UK and praised for its ability to attract young followers.

■ Rainford Cricket Club, who narrowly failed to clinch a spot in the premier division of the Liverpool Competition last season, are leaving no stone unturned as they bid to achieve their number one target in 2015. The forward-thinking first division club have re-engaged Indian Premier League all-rounder Pravin Tambe who is expected to return to the Jubilee Recreation Ground in May and lead their promotion push. To have persuaded leg spinner/batsman Tambe to re-join the club, where he was the star performer between

2007 and 2011, is a real coup for ambitious chairman John Williams and his committee John told me: "We are all delighted that Pravin is returning. He has a great number of friends here, both at the club and in the village, and importantly for him, he knows he is playing a good standard of cricket. He is really looking forward to coming back and testing himself over here once again."

■ Saints are one sporting club not enjoying the luxury of warm weather training - just stints on chilly Formby beach. No doubt climbing the coastal sand dunes will come as a culture shock to some of their overseas players but I can guarantee it will ensure they are as a fiddle once they begin the defence of their Su-

per League crown. It may be more than 40 years since I suffered the agony (and I can't think of a better word to use) when describing what it's like running up an down the sand dunes at Formby, Ainsdale and Southport. At times it almost turned my legs to jelly but, boy, was I in prime physical shape to take on any sporting challenge put in front of me. I hope the Saints' players will feel the same. I'm also told that the club's backroom team are devising another gruelling challenge for the first team and U19s players on Saturday - and no cry-offs will be tolerated!

■ Jonny Lomax and Mark Flanagan will be present to greet Christmas gift seeking fans at the Saints' Superstore tomorrow night (Thursday).

## Griffiths shows his class with best display of season

St Helens Sutton Athletic Club's Tom Griffiths had his best performance of the cross-country season in the last

fixture in the Liverpool and District League held at Whiston's Stadt Moens Park course. A real cross-country course

which was made even tougher by the recent rain, Tom took the race to the other leading runners and was rewarded

with a time of 33 minutes and 55 seconds and fourth place in a good field.

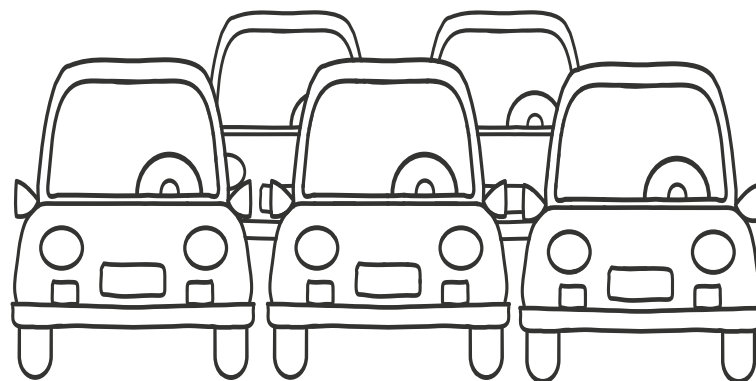
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good run finishing 30th in 37th 33 seconds. Other runners in the senior race were Greg Carns who completed

the course in 42 minutes and 39 seconds and Gary Oldham who ran 44 minutes and 36 seconds.

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**SAINTS**

# Christmas comes early as rugby fans tackle giant gift

**By JOHN YATES**

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Christmas came early for thousands of Rugby League fans at one of Europe's busiest destination shopping malls on Sunday with the unwrapping off a 'giant' present from the First Utility Super League clubs.

On a day which saw more than 200,000 people pack the Trafford Centre on the outskirts of Manchester, Super League took the opportunity to promote the exciting new era the sport is entering in 2015.

## ALIVE

Inside the box stood 10 all-action figures in full playing kit, including Saints' prop forward Kyle Amor, whose five year old daughter Lila pressed the special 'Activate' button to make the players come alive and emerge from the toy box to huge cheers as they signed autographs and posed for photographs with fans, many of whom were



The Super League Grand Final Toybox was launched at the Trafford Centre, Manchester, with the help of Lila, the five year old daughter of Saint's prop forward Kyle Amor, pictured below.

presented with souvenir Super League scarves.

Super League general manager Blake Solly said: "It was a fantastic event which really captured the imagination of thousands of people at the Trafford Centre on one of the busiest days of the year.

"The look on the faces of the younger fans as the play-

ers came alive inside the toy box was magical: we created a real buzz on the day and it's clear that lots of people are excited by what the new season has in store."

Like histem-mates, Amor – a Grand Final winner with Saints a couple of months ago – is relishing the challenge ahead, but declared: "It's go-

ing to be tough for us as everyone will be wanting to lower the champions' colours."

The 2015 First Utility Super League season kicks off over the weekend of February 5-8 and climaxes with the 2015 First Utility Super League Grand Final at the Theatre of Dreams, Old Trafford on Saturday October 10.



## Stars face mountain challenge for Prescott Foundation Fund

Two former Saints players, Alan Hunte and Lee Briers, are among a unique team volunteers facing an awesome and ming-boggling challenge – climbing Kilimanjaro next October to raise funds for the Steve Prescott Foundation Fund.

They will be joined by other true legends of Rugby League – Adrian Morley of Salford Red Devils, Leeds Rhinos skipper Kevin Sinfield and Barrie McDermott – as well as BBC Radio 5 Live's George Riley and Sky Sports Angela Powers.

In the spirit of Steve Prescott the challenge is to climb the 19341m mountain in just five days instead of the more usual nine days. It will challenge each individual's fitness

and mental stamina at high altitude. The success rate of this challenge is well documented at 27 per cent.

Each climber aims to raise at least £4000 for the three charities of the SPF, the Christie Hospital, Try Assist and the Oxford Transplant Foundation. The event is sponsored by the Manchester based Spectrum Group, a leading supplier of support services in the industrial sector.

St Helens-born Briers, who spent the best part of his RL with Warrington Wolves, said: 'I am really looking forward to this unique

challenge by testing myself in a totally different way.' Martin Blondel, general manager of the Foundation, said

'It was Steve's wish to tackle Kilimanjaro! We are elated that we have so many personalities willing to carry Steve's name and legacy to the summit' The party will be led by SPF committee member Ade Cunliffe who was one of a party of 12 who completed the 2013 challenge.

Prop forward Jordan Hand has joined Whitehaven on loan for the 2015 season. The 21-year-old has played three times for Saints since making his debut in 2013 as well as appearing in 44 games on dual registration.

Chief executive Mik Rush said: "Jordan did well on dual registration at Whitehaven last season so to join the Cum-

brians on loan for the coming season seemed the perfect fit."

Rush added "He is a good young prop who needs to be playing week in week out and this loan period will allow him to gain valuable game time and continue his development."

The club can, if they wish, recall Hand Jordan after the first four weeks of his loan at 48 hours' notice. He will also continue to train with the Saints as well as taking part in sessions at Whitehaven

Fans booking their Grand Final tickets for 2015 before Wednesday, December 31, can save £5 off each and receive a free scarf. Further details are available from the RFL, telephone 0844 856 1113.

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## RUGBY UNION

## West Park U11s just miss out on Twickenham joy



# Youngsters cheered on by Sale Sharks

## RUGBY UNION

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**He may have missed out on the chance to walk on the hallowed turf at Twickenham but West Park starlet Ben Toole insisted he had still loved every minute of his Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup experience.**

Toole was in action for West Park's under-11s at Manchester Rugby Club on Sunday as Sale Sharks hosted their leg of the Land Rover Cup, the first national grassroots tournament officiated by Premiership Rugby.

In total over 7,000 youngsters will participate over the course of the 12 legs, one for each top-flight English club, as they go in search of a spot in the 'Parade of Champions' during half-time of the Aviva Premiership Rugby Final.

And, while captain Toole was not able to lift the under-11s Cup trophy for a spot at Twickenham in May, the ten-

year-old remained proud of his team and their efforts in front of a cast of Sale Sharks professionals.

"I felt nervous when I first got there but when we beat the first team we played that gave us some confidence and we went on from there," said the Bleak Hill Primary School pupil.

"I have to credit all the teams we played. They were all really good and we had some good matches. The best thing about these festivals is being able to take part.

"We can see how other people play rugby and learn from them. I feel like I'm really improving on days like those in terms of my fitness and also how to run with the ball and passing.

"It also helped us as a team as we got used to how we all play and trusted each other when we passed the ball to each other.

"It's very exciting to play in an event run by Sale Sharks. They are a good team and it's really great of them to get involved with the younger guys like me.

"To know that a big rugby team believes in you to maybe

**Getting the kids out and playing is obviously massive for them and their development as players**

play for Sale Sharks one day is inspiring."

Casting an eye over proceedings were Sale Sharks quartet Will Cliff, Tom Brady, Joe Ford and Ross Harrison and the latter believes he saw more than a few players with huge potential.

"Getting the kids out and playing is obviously massive for them and their development as players," said prop Harrison. "I remember coming to these kinds of days with Lymm from the under-12s onwards and I came through from there.

"So minis rugby is really important and you make a lot of new friends from your area as well, not just your school.

"I used to get a lot of enjoyment from getting a run out at these kind of festivals, and it is not just about getting the win at this level as it's more about getting everyone out here playing."

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# 'SIGNING WOULD HAVE TO BE SPECIAL'

## Saints' head coach Cunningham says he won't make a move in transfer market for sake of it

## RUGBY LEAGUE

By JOHN YATES  
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**Keiron Cunningham has revealed he won't add to Saints squad unless he unearths a special player.**

Saints head coach says that while he still has a quota spot available he will not make a move in the transfer market for the sake of it.

The Super League champions have made two astute signings during the off-season - stand-off Travis Burns and second rower Atelea Vea.

But the canny Saints boss is refusing to fill the last remaining spot just because it is empty.

"We've got a quota spot still there and if we can maybe free up a bit more money and something becomes available, you can never say never," said Cunningham.

"But it's got to be the right person and the right player for this club and a guy that fits the bill.

"We're not just going to sign someone just because they're out there and we've got room; it has to be a move that fits the needs of everyone involved."

Cunningham has also revealed he is happy with his revamped backroom staff,

**'It's got to be the right person and the right player for this club'**

having brought in former teammates Sean Long and Ade Gardner.

"We'll run with what we've got behind the scenes," he said. "Obviously, Sean has come in and given everyone a real lift. I've got a really good team that's full of experience and knowledge, and I think we're ticking each other boxes as a team.

"The coaching staff feels really complete."

Cunningham is also hoping Saints don't repeat the horrendous run of injury problems that at one point threatened to derail last season's campaign.

He believes influential duo Luke Walsh and Jon Wilkin will be fit for the season opener.

"Jon Wilkin is now back in full training and Walshy is on track to meet his scheduled date," said Cunningham.

"We're looking to get him out there in the next few weeks and hopefully we'll be able to get to that first game."



Saints head coach Keiron Cunningham



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